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- A Kansas City federal jury awarded buyers of Dow Chemical Co. products more than \$400 million worth of damages after Dow Chemical Co. conspired with competitors to fix prices. – *Bloomberg* (See item [2](#))
- A 150-foot section of an Arizona highway collapsed, possibly as result of natural causes. – *WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* (See item [14](#))
- A dozen fire departments and over 100 firefighters fought a farm fire for more than 12 hours, destroying several acres and multiple structures. – *Medina Gazette* (See item [16](#))
- The White House released a plan to mitigate and prevent foreign entities from accessing trade secrets. – *Softpedia* (See item [30](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 20, Associated Press; San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **SF gas leak capped, evacuations lifted.** Pacific Gas and Electro Co. crews capped a natural gas leak that led to numerous buildings being evacuated after third-party contractors damaged the gas line.
Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/02/20/2400493/sf-fire-official-gas-leak-prompts.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *February 21, Bloomberg* – (Kansas) **Dow Chemical loses \$400 million price-fixing jury verdict.** A case that started in 2005 resulted in a federal jury in Kansas City awarding buyers of urethane-based products more than \$400 million worth of damages against Dow Chemical Co. for conspiring with competitors to fix prices.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-02-20/dow-chemical-loses-400-million-price-fixing-jury-verdict.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *February 19, Boston Globe* – (Boston) **Former workers at Concord nuclear ammunition site may be entitled to compensation for cancer.** Preparation work by the Environmental Protection Agency began on a Superfund nuclear ammunition site which may take up to three years to clean. Employees of Nuclear Metals Inc. in Concord have recently been added to a special exposure cohort entitling them to compensation and medical benefits under federal law for any one of 22 cancers associated with work on the site.
Source: <http://www.boston.com/metrodesk/2013/02/19/former-workers-concord-nuclear-ammunition-site-may-entitled-compensation-for-cancer/ENmuIGozL5geroZecHQN4I/story.html>
4. *February 19, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Perry Nuclear Generating Station under intense scrutiny by federal regulators probing safety issues.** Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspectors uncovered a pattern of safety violations, including wastewater spills, at a nuclear plant near Cleveland, which led to two full drops in the plant's safety level. The plant has six months to make improvements or risk shutdown.
Source: http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/investigations/Perry-Nuclear-Generating-Station-under-intense-scrutiny-by-federal-regulators-probing-safety-issues
5. *February 19, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Removing uranium tailings would cost \$895**

million, Cotter Corp. says. The Colorado governor planned to form a Community Advisory Group to help guide the cleanup at a 1984 Superfund site which could cost \$900 million to remove 15 million tons of radioactive uranium tailings from Cotter Corp.'s now dismantled mill along the Arkansas River.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/environment/ci_22624956/removing-uranium-tailings-would-cost-895-million-cotter

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. ***February 21, Edmunds.com*** – (National) **2013 Chrysler 200, Dodge Avenger recalled for fire risk.** Chrysler issued a recall for nearly 1,800 2013 Chrysler 200s and Dodge Avengers because a broken control valve in the fuel tank assembly could lead to fuel leakage, increasing the risk of fire or an engine stall while driving and increasing the risk of an accident.

Source: <http://www.edmunds.com/car-news/2013-chrysler-200-dodge-avenger-recalled-for-fire-risk.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. ***February 21, Associated Press*** – (North Carolina) **NC man sentences in huge crop insurance fraud.** A former insurance adjuster from North Carolina pleaded guilty to mail fraud, conspiring to make false statements and threatening a witness and will be headed to prison for his role in a conspiracy to defraud the federal crop insurance program from 1996 to 2007. Part of his sentencing includes restitution payments of more than \$21 million.
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2013/02/20/3867341/nc-man-sentenced-in-huge-crop.html>
8. ***February 21, Associated Press*** – (Delaware) **Arraignment for Delaware developer charged with fraud.** A Dover Developer is charged with money laundering, conspiracy, and making false statements to a financial institution after he received \$37 million in financing and allegedly diverted construction loan money for unauthorized purposes. The bank reported a loss of more than \$26 million.
Source: <http://www.wboc.com/story/21295330/arraignment-for-del-developer-charged-with-fraud>
9. ***February 20, WMTV 15 Madison*** – (National) **Scammers indicted after stealing more**

than \$100,000 in Sauk County. Close to 200 people living in and around the Village of Prairie Du Sac were victim to a credit card skimmer scheme at an ATM outside a grocery store. Two crooks were indicted after stealing a total of \$114,000 after a month of skimming from October 2012 to November 2012.

Source: <http://www.nbc15.com/news/headlines/Sammers-Indicted-After-Stealing-More-Than-100000-in-Sauk-Co--192143151.html>

10. **February 20, Reuters** – (New York) **Lockheed to settle securities fraud suit for \$19.5 million.** An agreement to resolve a securities fraud class-action lawsuit accusing the Lockheed Martin Corp. of misleading investors about the prospects of its information technology (IT) division will result in a \$19.5 million settlement.
Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2013/02/20/lockheed-to-settle-securities-fraud-suit-for-15-million/>
11. **February 20, Associated Press** – (Mississippi) **Former bank teller pleads guilty to bank fraud.** A head-teller of a Picayune bank faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine after pleading guilty to her role in stealing \$117,000 from a bank's vault.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Former-bank-teller-pleads-guilty-to-bank-fraud-4294222.php>
12. **February 20, Sacramento Bee** – (California) **Citrus Heights man accused of credit card scam.** A federal grand jury returned a 36-count indictment against the owner of a sham business who, allegedly, unlawfully obtained more than 26,000 American Express charge card numbers and made tens of thousands of unauthorized charges to the business's account. Of the attempted \$390,000 fraudulent charges, the man received more than \$270,000 from American Express.
Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2013/02/citrus-heights-man-accused-of-credit-card-scam.html>

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Transportation Sector

13. **February 21, Fox News; Associated Press** – (Georgia) **Authorities open investigation into deadly small plane crash in eastern Georgia.** A small jet crashed into the woods when it overran the end of the runway at a Georgia airport killing five and injuring two more that required hospitalization. Officials are investigating the cause of the crash.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/02/21/small-plane-carrying-7-people-runs-off-runway-and-crashes-in-eastern-georgia/?test=latestnews>
14. **February 21, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach** – (Arizona) **US 89 Page, Arizona photos: Highway collapses 25 miles south of Page in possible 'geologic event'.** A 150-foot section of US 89 collapsed about 25 miles south of Page, Arizona February 20. Officials do not believe the cause is weather-related but possibly the result of natural causes.
Source: <http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/national/us-89-page-arizona-photos-highway-collapses-25-miles-south-of-page-in-possible-geologic-event>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *February 21, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **'Ticking' package causes bomb scare at post office.** A bomb squad was called into a post office in Batavia to investigate a package that a postal worker believed was making suspicious noises. The building was evacuated for nearly three hours and a nearby street was shut down.
Source:
http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/suburbs/batavia_geneva_st_charles/chiticking-package-causes-bomb-scare-at-post-office-20130221,0,3334936.story

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *February 21, Medina Gazette* – (Ohio) **Massive blaze destroys greenhouses in Camden Twp.** A fire burned through 5 acres of green houses at Green Circle Growers in Lorain County, destroying 25 of them, as well as a one-acre production barn. Over 100 firefighters from 12 departments fought the blaze, which lasted just over 12 hours.
Source: <http://medinagazette.northcoastnow.com/2013/02/21/massive-blaze-destroys-greenhouses-in-camden-twp/>
17. *February 20, Food Safety News* – (Florida) **Smoked salmon recalled for Listeria risk.** February 20, MKG Provisions of Miami, FL issued a voluntary recall of its Atlantic Smoked Salmon Batch #1768 after State inspectors discovered Listeria monocytogenes in a finished sample. The smoked salmon subject to recall was sold under a variety of brand names to various south Florida businesses between January 23 and February 1.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/smoked-salmon-recalled-for-listeria-risk/>
18. *February 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Voluntary precautionary recall of Arnold, Brownberry, Earthgrains, Farm, Harmons, L'oven Fresh, Stroehmann and Sara Lee Multi-grain Breads and Sara Lee Thin Style Buns.** BBU, Inc., the parent of the Bimbo Bakeries companies, issued a voluntary recall of several types of bread due to possible presence of flexible wire caused by a faulty screen at a third party flour mill. The recall affect a variety of brands, but not items currently in stores, though they could still remain in consumer homes, with expiration dates of February 17 or February 20.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm340245.htm>

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Water Sector

19. *February 20, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Four water main breaks hit Silver Creek.**

Crews in Silver Creek were kept busy after four water-line breaks took place over the last three days, closing roads and affecting the water distribution system. Although costs and estimates of lost water were not reported, officials acknowledged the water tank had lost 10 feet of stored water.

Source:

<http://www.buffalonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130220/CITYANDREGION/130229890/1010>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

20. *February 21, Oregon Public Broadcasting* – (Oregon) **Police release more evidence in hospital shooting.**

A shooting that took place at the Adventist Medical Center in Portland was triggered by the suspect using a broken plastic phone receiver to stimulate a gun to entice officers to attack him. Portland Police released a video showing the suspect shouting at and attempting to attack officers during the shooting.

Source: <http://www.opb.org/news/article/police-release-more-evidence-in-hospital-shooting/>

21. *February 20, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **2nd arrest made in SC Health and Human Services security breach.** A second individual was arrested and charged for breaching the South Carolina Health and Human Services database and compromising nearly 228,000 Medicaid patient's records.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/columbia-statewide-news/2nd-arrest-made-in-SC-Health-and-Human-Services-security-breach/-/9324106/19001440/-/1198tiz/-/index.html>

22. *February 20, Associated Press* – (California) **OSHA finds VA at fault for Calif. researcher death.**

The Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration fined a Veteran Affairs medical center in San Francisco for exposure to risky work conditions, not providing critical vaccinations for employees, and not conducting better training, after one of their researchers died from a bacterial infection believed to be transmitted from the lab.

Source: http://thegardenisland.com/news/national/osha-finds-va-at-fault-for-calif-researcher-death/article_5bad89d9-3813-5297-9e3b-ff927902f8f2.html

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Government Facilities Sector

23. *February 20, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **2 boys arrested in Tipp City school threats.**

A student from Tippecanoe Middle School and a student from Tippecanoe High School

were both arrested in connection with threatening notes found at both schools. The schools were evacuated as police worked to check for potential bombs from the written threats written from February 13 through February 15.

Source: <http://www.newstalkradioohio.com/news/news/crime-law/school-officials-questioning-student-about-tipp-ci/nWTPs/>

24. *February 20, Associated Press; Texas A&M University* – (Texas) **Bomb threat closes building at Texas A&M College Station.** A bomb threat forced the closure of Texas A&M University's Kyle Field among surrounding buildings. The school issued a warning to all students and staff while officials worked to clear the scene.

Source: <http://www.kristv.com/news/bomb-threat-closes-buildings-at-texas-aandm-college-station/>

25. *February 20, Sioux City Journal* – (Nebraska) **Pop bottle bomb found on Norfolk, Neb., campus.** Authorities evacuated dorms at Northeast Community College after finding a suspected homemade bomb. No one was injured February 19 when three similar devices blew up on campus.

Source: http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/state-and-regional/pop-bottle-bomb-found-on-norfolk-neb-campus/article_66d5e527-05ad-501e-907c-c9aeb944e4ba.html

26. *February 20, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Ky. Inmate charged in U.S. President family threats.** An inmate at the Kentucky State Penitentiary was charged after sending letters threatening to kill the U.S. President and his family.

Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/02/20/3339915/ky-inmate-charged-in-obama-family.html>

27. *February 20, WIS 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **USC building reopened after evacuation for unknown chemical leak.** Students were evacuated from a building at the University of South Carolina due to a possible chemical leak. After clearing the scene, people were allowed back into the building after about 3 hours.

Source: <http://www.wistv.com/story/21287621/usc-building-evacuated-for-hazardous-materials-call>

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *February 21, Associated Press* – (California) **2 San Diego sheriff deputies shot, wounded.** A man that was upset about a restraining order against his mother caused a standoff with San Diego police that caused an evacuation of neighboring homes. The suspect shot and injured two officers before ending his own life.

Source: <http://www.ksby.com/news/2-san-diego-sheriff-deputies-shot-wounded/>

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Information Technology Sector

29. *February 21, Softpedia* – (International) **Huawei welcomes the US's cybersecurity executive order.** The U.S. President's cybersecurity executive order was approved by Huawei who is working towards clearing their reputation for being a threat to national security. The company believes the strategies presented in the order will help prevent security issues and enhance resiliency of critical infrastructures.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Huawei-Welcomes-the-US-s-Cybersecurity-Executive-Order-331554.shtml>
30. *February 21, Softpedia* – (International) **US says trade secrets are at risk of being stolen by China, Russia and WikiLeaks.** A report on a plan to mitigate the theft of U.S. trade secrets was released by the White House detailing an action strategy aimed at preventing foreign entities from accessing trade secrets.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/US-Says-Trade-Secrets-Are-at-Risk-of-Being-Stolen-by-China-Russia-and-WikiLeaks-331343.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

31. *February 21, Engadget* – (National) **FCC proposal hopes to grow Wi-Fi spectrum by 35 percent, reduce hotspot congestion.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed to increase available spectrum for unlicensed devices by making up the spectrum in the 5 GHz band. The FCC also proposed to streamline existing rules and equipment authorization procedures for unlicensed devices, and create a more flexible regulatory environment.
Source: <http://www.engadget.com/2013/02/21/fcc-proposal-hopes-to-grow-wifi-spectrum-by-35-percent-reduce-h/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *February 20, Greenville News* – (South Carolina) **Two blazes near Woodmont High called suspicious.** A high school was put on lockdown as more than a dozen

firefighters spent five hours battling two nearby fires which authorities deemed “suspicious”.

Source: <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130221/NEWS/302210011/Two-blazes-near-Woodmont-High-called-suspicious>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

33. *February 21, Associated Press* – (National) **Closed roads, visitor centers, loom at national parks.** Steep budget cuts could affect national parks throughout the U.S. by keeping large areas closed to the public through a reduction of hours, staff cuts, and depleted resources for road maintenance and emergency services. The Park Service agreed that until the government comes to a resolution, national parks could potentially suffer.

Source: http://mtstandard.com/news/state-and-regional/closed-roads-visitor-centers-loom-at-national-parks/article_d15e21cb-5659-546a-998c-49552dd1987b.html

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